Annual Report

OF THE OFFICERS *of The* NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT MARCH 31, 1921

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Officers for Year ending March 31, 1921

Water Commissioners

OLIVER AMES	Term Expires 1923
SAMUEL S. EARLY	Term Expires 1921
JOHN F. LONG	Term Expires 1922

Prudential Committee

CLYDE A. CRAIG HENRY E. McENTEE
WALFRID J. G. BROMAN

Clerk and Treasurer

RALPH W. CRAIG

Auditors

ARTHUR F. ANDERSON JOHN B. SCANLON*

Chief Engineer of Fire Department

DANIEL F. LORDAN

First Assistant Engineer of Fire Department

PATRICK J. O'NEIL

Second Assistant Engineer of Fire Department

I. LEON FRENCH

*Deceased

Report of Clerk

North Easton Village District annual meeting held Monday, April 5th, 1920.

Meeting called to order at four o'clock P. M., by Moderator James F. Burke.

Polls opened at 4.04 P. M., and closed at 8.03 P. M.

Total vote cast: 367.

Result of ballot for District Officers:—

Moderator—

James F. Burke.....316 votes

Clerk—

Ralph W. Craig.....291 votes

Treasurer—

Ralph W. Craig.....283 votes

Prudential Committee—

Andrew B. Anderson.....139 votes

Walfrid J. G. Broman....155 votes

Timothy J. Cotter.....111 votes

Jeremiah J. Coughlin.....66 votes

Clyde A. Craig.....214 votes

Henry E. McIntyre.....183 votes

Water Commissioner for Three Years—

Oliver Ames.....273 votes

Chief Engineer of Fire Department—

Daniel F. Lordi.....276 votes

First Assistant Engineer of Fire Department—

Patrick J. O'Neil.....264 votes

Second Assistant Engineer of Fire Department—

L. Leon Fremeau.....[illegible] votes

Auditor—

Arthur L. Anderson.....[illegible] votes

[illegible] votes

Voted to accept report of Committee on [illegible].

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Three thousand three hundred ninety-eight dollars four cents ($3398.04) for street lighting.

One thousand dollars ($1000.00) for building and repairing sidewalks.

One thousand two hundred dollars ($1200.00) for miscellaneous expenses.

One thousand six hundred dollars ($1600.00) for care and maintainence of Fire Department.

Five hundred dollars ($500.00) for removal of snow.

Two thousand dollar ($2000.00) for toe purpose of employing and paying two police officers and watchmen for ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate:

Three hundred dollars ($300.00) for painting of Fire Station.

Voted that Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in accordance with Article 4.

Voted to install two additional street lights:

One on North Main Street in front of Unitarian Church. The other on Lincoln Street, between the residence of John F. Mahoney and the residence of William Soule.

Voted that an additional fire alarm box be installed at the corner of North Main and Holmes Streets, and the cost of same, ninety dollars ($90.00) be appropriated from the Fire Department appropriation.

Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by Moderator for the purpose of drawing up a set of resolutions in memory of the late Philip P. Wilde, these resolutions to become a part of the official records of the North Easton Village District.

Committee: David J. O'Connell, Andrew B. Anderson, John D. Bailey, Michael W. Murphy, Ralph W. Craig.

Voted to adjourn.

R. W. CRAIG,

District Clerk.

Report of Prudential Committee

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:—

We submit the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1921

Sidewalks

Expended	$1080.64
Appropriation	1000.00
Exceeded	$80.64

Paid John F. Carlson, June 6, 1920.
Work on curbing on Holmes Street.

7 hours @ 1.10	$7.70
7 hours @ .80c	5.60
	$13.30

Nov. 30, 1920. Work on sidewalks on Kings Avenue, Holmes Street, Sullivan Avenue, Baldwin, Sheridan, Reynolds, Day and Linden Streets.

37 hours @ 38c	$14.06
80 hours @ 70c	56.00
141 hours @ 70c	98.70
122 hours @ 38c	46.36
109 hours @ 70c	76.30
8 hours @ 70c	5.60
24 hours @ 1.00	24.00
64 hours @ 70c	44.80
15 hours @ 70c	10.50
17 hours @ 1.10	18.70
60 hours team @ 1.00	60.00
62 loads of gravel @ 25c	15.50
Wood	9.00

		$479.52
Paid John J. Mc Carthy, Dec. 4, 1920.		
Carting tar from Taunton		$5.00
Paid Town of Easton, Dec. 4, 1920.		
511 gals. Tarbinder @ 17c	86.87	
Trucking	15.00	
3 bbls. Tarbinder @ 11.00	33.00	
5 bbls. T. P. C. coldtar @ 9.36	46.80	
50 loads gravel @ 10c	5.00	
		$186.67
Paid Con Dailey, Dec. 4, 1920.		
Labor repairing sidewalks		
51 hours @ 75c	$38.25	
19 hours @ 65c	12.35	
4 hours @ 50c	2.00	
Blacksmithing	10.05	
Labor on sidewalk at waterfall as per agreement	130.00	
		$192.65
Paid John F. Carlson, Jan. 14, 1921.		
Patching sidewalks		
48 hours @ 1.00	$48.00	
53 hours @ 75c	39.75	
19 hours @ 1.00	19.00	
Single team 53 hours @ 1.00	53.00	
		$159.75
Paid Town of Easton, Jan. 14, 1921.		
175 gals. Tar @ 20c	35.00	
5 tons crushed stone @ 1.75	8.75	

	$43,75
Amount expended	$1080.64

Snow Account

Raised and appropriated	$500.00
Expended	487.44
Unexpended	$12.56

Police and Watchmen

Raised and appropriated	$2000.00
Expended	2000.00

Street Lighting

Raised and appropriated	$3398.04
Expended	3386.24
Unexpended	$11.80

Painting Fire Station

Appropriated	$300.00
Expended	197.60
Unexpended	$102.40

Miscellaneous Expenses

Raised and appropriated	$1200.00
Expended	1074.02
Unexpended	$125.98

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES ITEMIZED

DISTRICT OFFICERS SALARIES

Ralph W. Craig, Clerk	$20.00	
Ralph W. Craig, Treasurer	50.00	
Henry E. McEntee, Prudential Committee	50.00	
Clyde A. Craig, Prudential Committee	50.00	
Walfrid J. G. Broman, Prudential Committee	50.00	
James F. Burke, Moderator	25.00	
Arthur F. Anderson, Auditor	10.00	
Jeremiah Reardon, Auditor	10.00	
		$265.00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Cornelius Harvey	$3.50	
Hobart Anderson	3.50	
Paul Canagally	3.50	
August Ledin	3.50	
Edmund Haglund	3.50	
Peter J. Travers	3.50	
Edward J. Healey	3.50	
Patrick J. O'Neil	2.00	
		$26.50

EXPENSES

Gardner Job Print	$152.55	
Distributing Reports	5.00	
T. H. Waddell, 1 note	2.00	
John McFarland, wreath	10.00	
Prudential Committee expenses	3.00	
Lighting Bandstand	2.93	
Posting Warrants	2.00	
Treasurer expenses	2.00	
Fred Hanlon, collector	41.22	
		220.70

FIRE STATION

John J. McCarthy Co., 17 tons		
560 lbs. Lehigh coal	$305.38	
Geo. H. Dewitt & Son, lumber	32.92	
E. E. Kelly	33.75	
Daniel F. Lordan, janitor service	100.00	
Horace W. Jones, repairing meter	4.00	
Edison Co.	55.07	
New England Telephone Co.	30.70	
		$561.82
	Total	$1074.02

Appropriations

Street Lighting	$3398.04
Police and Watchmen	2000.00
Sidewalks	1000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1200.00
Fire Department	1600.00
Removing snow	500.00
Painting Fire Station	300.00
	$9998.04

Expenditures

Street Lighting	$3386.24
Police and Watchmen	2000.00
Sidewalks	1080.64
Miscellaneous expenses	1074.02
Fire Department	1391.84
Removing snow	487.44

Painting Fire Station	197.60	
		$9617.78
		$380.26

Unexpended

Street Lighting	11.80	
Miscellaneous expenses	125.98	
Fire Department	208.16	
Removing snow	12.56	
Painting Fire Station	102.40	
		$460.90

Exceeded

Sidewalks	80.64	
		80.64
Unexpended		$380.26

It is necessary for our Committee to mention in this report the death of another of our District Officers, John B. Scanlon, on August 12 th, 1920, who acted in a capable manner as Auditor.

Resolutions to be incorporated into next year's report will undoubtedly be acted upon at the coming District meeting.

Prudential Committee,

HENRY E. McENTEE
WALFRED J. G. BROMAN
CLYDE A. CRAIG

Report of the Committee on Resolutions on the Death of Philip P. Wilde.
1866—1919

Whereas, *Philip P. Wilde, a member of the Prudential Committee of the North Easton Village, died on the twenty-first day of December, 1919, having been a member of this Committee from April 29, 1909 to March 29, 1910, and by successive elections from March 30, 1911 to the date of his death, the greater part of which time he was Chairman of the Committee,*

Resolved, *That the confidence displayed in Philip P. Wilde by the voters of the District in thus continuing him in this important office was well merited. Modest, without ostentation, his service was characterized by a profound understanding of District affairs, an earnest regard for the welfare of the District, and faithfulness in the performance of his duties.*

Resolved, *That this District has a profound appreciation of the value of Philip P. Wilde as a man, a citizen, and a public officer, and is deeply sensible of the loss it sustained by his death.*

Resolved, *That as a mark of its esteem and appreciation, and as a tribute to his memory, these resolutions be made a part of the permanent records of the District.*

DAVID J. O'CONNELL.
ANDREW B. ANDERSON.
JOHN D. BAILEY.
MICHAEL W. MURPHY.
RALPH W. CRAIG.
Committee on Resolutions.

Report of the Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District:

We submit the following report for the year ending February 28, 1921.

Earnings

	1921	1920	
Meter Service	$8339.05	$8446.78	
Faucet Service		34.94	
Sale of Meters and Mdse.	172.50	128.36	
Repairs		9.78	
Interest on Deposits	201.64	188.81	
Unionville Fire and Water District Meter Account	107.85	200.00	
		$8821.04	$9008.67

Expenses

Operating Expense	$5476.08	$3716.52	
Repairs	158.41	273.69	
Merchandise	332.11	143.62	
		5966.60	4133.83
Balance Profit		$2854.44	$4874.84

Profit and Loss

CREDITS

Profit on Operating Account	$2854.44	$4874.84	
		$2854.44	$4874.84

DEBITS

Interest on Bonds	$2475.00	$2565.00	
Bonds Retired Aug. 1	2000.00	2000.00	
		4475.00	4565.00
Balance Deficit		$1620.56	
Balance Profit			$309.84

Surplus Accounts

Balance	$63107.37	$61269.44	
Less Deficit for Year	1620.56		
Plus Profit for Year			309.84
Balance Surplus at Close of Year		$61486.81	$61579.28

Assets

Cash	$6015.39	$7635.95	
Accounts Receivable	1876.47	1515.05	
Merchandise	1928.48	1853.53	
Plant	75414.57	75414.57	
Extensions	19772.61	19772.61	
Reservoir	12915.66	12915.66	
		$117923.18	$119107.37

Liabilities

Bonds	$54000.00	$56000.00	
Balance Surplus	63923.18	63107.37	
		$117923.18	$119,107.37

From the foregoing statement you will see that the Water Works show a deficit for the year of $1,620.56.

Since this statement was made out, bills have been paid and are pending for extraordinary repairs on the pumps amounting to over $1,000 which will be added to next year's expenses. You will notice that no extensions have been made during the past year, but soon some extensions will probably be asked for.

When the minimum price of water was reduced in Oct. 1916 from $10 to $8.40 per year there was no sinking fund of $2,000 annually required to retire the Water Works bonds, and the large increases in cost for labor, coal and other material could not be foreseen.

As it would be manifestly unfair that the entire district should be taxed for the benefit of the water takers alone, we feel compelled to ask your approval to restore the old rates that were in force from the beginning of the Water Works in 1887 until the present rates were established in 1916. We can say also that the old rates, the restoration of which we ask you to approve, were extremely low even then in comparison with other towns in Massachusetts.

If this restoration is approved we feel confident at the present time that your Water Works will be self-supporting and in 1947 when all the bonds have matured and been paid off and the Water Works freed from debt the rates can be lowered again.

The District is to be congratulated that the average rate of interest on its water bonds to their maturity is about 4 1-8 per-cent, which is much less than any city or town in the State has to pay at the present time on any issue of bonds.

OLIVER AMES,
S. S. EARLY,
JOHN F. LONG,
Water Commissioners.

We have examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners and found the same correct.

ARTHUR F. ANDERSON,
JEREMIAH J. REARDON,
Auditors.

Report of Fire Department

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District:

The Board of Engineers submits the following report of the North Easton Fire Department.

This department answered during 1920, twelve alarms for building fires, on which the total loss was $3255.00, covered by $1921.00 insurance, three calls for automobile fires, and twenty-six brush and grass fires, a total of thirty-eight alarms for fires.

We have bought 300 feet of new hose this year, and recommend 300 feet of new hose for the coming year.

We have installed one new Fire Alarm Box No. 37, corner of North Main and Holmes Streets.

Considerable work must be done on trimming and insulating our Fire Alarm wires to obtain satisfactory results on fire alarms.

Our apparatus is in fair condition and needs but few repairs.

In order to provide for upkeep, such as salaries, repairs, new hose and new equipment, we recommend that the sum of $1600.00 be raised and appropriated.

The sum of our appropriation for the year 1920 was $1600.00, from which the sum of $1591.84 was paid out for the maintenance of the Fire Department.

Expenses

L. T. Winslow, Labor	$48.75
M. L. Church, Striker Machine	896.10
L. L. Stewart, Supplies	5.50
Gamewell Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm and Box Service	95.59
Mass. Firemans Association, Dues	23.00
Fabric Hose Co., Hose	345.00
Frank Fuller, Supplies	10.25

Ames Shovel & Tool Co., Sulphuric Acid	11.00	
Salary Engineers and Members of Fire Dept.	725.00	
Stone & Forsyth, Supplies	18.50	
Dineen & Co., Supplies	.85	
Ames Store, Supplies	3.75	
American R. Express, Expressage	1.90	
Bailey Co., Boston, Bulbs	.60	
1 can Radiator Liquid	1.15	
1 Storage Battery	15.00	
		$1391.84
Unexpended balance.		208.16

DANIEL F. LORDAN,
PATRICK J. O'NEIL,
I. LEON FRENCH,
Board of Engineers.

Report of Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1921.

Receipts

Amount on hand, March 31, 1920	$690.20	
Loan	3000.00	
Income Tax	4955.55	
Taxes, 1920	412..70	
Taxes, 1919	129.52	
Taxes, 1918	6.76	
Taxes, 1917	3.29	
Taxes, 1916	.05	
		$12908.07

Expenditures

Police	$2000.00	
Lighting	3386.21	
Fire Department	1391.84	
Sidewalks	1080.64	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1074.92	
Removing Snow	487.44	
Loan, Discount, and Interest	3096.50	
Painting Fire Station	197.60	
		$12714.28
Cash on hand March 31, 1921		$193.79

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found the same to be correct.

ARTHUR F. ANDERSON,
JEREMIAH J. REARDON.
Auditors.